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Councilman Tom Goltzené, Seat 5
Councilman Ryan Liang, Seat 3
Councilman Jim Rockett, Seat 2



Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
At
Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce
13901 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee Groves

Chair Nina Corning
Vice-Chair Kathy Strehlow
Committee Member Keith Harris
Committee Member Jo Siciliano

Council Liaison Tom Goltzené
Town Manager Mark Kutney
Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple

MINUTES

*Vision: To Develop a Recreational Greenways and /Equestrian
Trail Network for the Rural Town of Loxahatchee Groves.*

1. OPENING

Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chair Nina Corning called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were Chair Nina Corning, Vice-Chair Kathy Strehlow, Committee Member Keith Harris, Town Manager Mark Kutney, Town Planning Consultant Jim Fleischmann, and Town Clerk Janet K. Whipple. Committee Member Jo Siciliano was not in attendance at this time.

a. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Committee Member Harris made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Committee Member Strehlow seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 3/0.

2. MINUTES – Approval of Minutes:

a. **October 23, 2013**

Motion: Committee Member Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014. Committee Member Strehlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

b. **November 20, 2013**

Motion: Committee Member Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014. Committee Member Strehlow seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed 3/0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Ray Flow, on behalf of WAGFLO LLC, requesting zoning confirmation from the Town for a proposed private commercial equestrian facility on a 40-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Gruber Lane and D Road.

Jim Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant explained the request by Mr. Flow.

For the Record: Committee Member Jo Siciliano arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Town Manager Kutney reported that he wanted Mr. Flow to submit his preliminary ideas to the Committee for their input, prior to his final plans.

Mr. Flow presented his proposed equestrian plan for development of forty (40) acres in Loxahatchee Groves. Once he has gone through the approval process he anticipates being up and running in six (6) months. Mr. Flow discussed memberships, camping areas for the horse people, but no recreational vehicles. He is not sure if they will stable horses on site.

Councilmember Harris had a concern that the ideas were on the borderline of commercial. The Committee discussed with Mr. Flow and Joshua Mahr, Company Manager, the benefits if riding trails for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, memberships, the elimination of camping area from the

site plan, and the grazing area at the back of the property fronting E Road. It was a concern this project may be used for events, and if that is the case it should belong in the commercial area.

There were positive comments from two visitors to the RETGAC Meeting.

The Committee discussed alternative plans, proposing a new site plan, events, submitting a new survey, no time shares, commercial applications, and what type of facility can be built.

Chair Corning passed the gavel, and made a motion for the Committee to ask Town Council for an expansion on the ruling for equestrian facilities, and change the ratio of humans to horses. The motion failed for lack of a second.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of MREG (Master Roadway, Equestrian and Greenway Plan) Items
- b. Recommendations and the Future Land Use and Transportation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan - Objectives and Policies.

The Committee discussed the inconsistencies between the Future Land Use Elements and the Transportation Elements, then provided recommendations and changes, although it was noted that the MREG is obsolete, and does not reflect 2014.

Town Manager Kutney suggested the committee not create a document, but discuss the matter at the Town Council Meeting.

The Committee discussed revising the MREG to protect the Town from progress/development within the Town, the fact that Town Council has not requested the Committee review the MREG at all, and that the MREG was developed in crisis over Callery-Judge.

Motion: Vice-Chair Strehlow made a motion to discontinue any discussion on the MREG until the Committee is given direction. Committee member Harris seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Upon vote, the motion passed 4/0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Roadway Canal Crossings (*Keith Harris*)

- Town of Loxahatchee Groves Roadway Canal Crossing – A Study and Recommendation
- Town of Loxahatchee Groves Gas Tax Map
- Town of Loxahatchee Groves Vehicular Canal Crossing Photos

Committee Member Harris reported that he met with Town Staff and the Town has approximately twenty-five (25) canal crossings. He reported his study, and felt that if the Town is collecting Gas Tax money; all aspects should be covered by the Town for all repair and maintenance.

The Committee discussed ownership of roads, easements, non-district roads, road maintenance, Town Council taking financial responsibility on Gas Tax roads by looking at the infrastructure and protecting it, advising Town Council on items they have asked the RETGAC Committee to review.

Town Manager Kutney suggested the Gas Tax matter be brought up under Public Comments during a Town Council Meeting. He noted the FAAC (Financial Advisory and Audit Committee) would be presenting a PowerPoint Presentation during the March 4, 2014, Town Council meeting and suggested members of the Committee attend.

b. FDOT State Road 80 Project Update (*Receive and File*)

Accesses onto Southern Boulevard were discussed.

Town Manager Kutney suggested that Committee members call Tomas Ruiz, from FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation), and he can answer any questions on cost.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - Town Manager Kutney

Town Manager Kutney reported the Gas Tax does not cover the equestrian signs.

Discussion ensued concerning signs being sponsored by private individuals, including the wordage in Spanish and the fact that it was difficult enough to get the signs in English; “Slow for Horses” signs; the fact that the Committee should get together and prove the numbers are there for signals at Okeechobee Boulevard crossings; the need for a map for the continuation of trails; and how the Committee wanted to proceed.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

a. Public

Phyllis Maniglia, 359 W D Road, stated she is still fighting trash issues at the Palms West Plaza, and explained that she felt the Plaza had too much signage. She suggested the consideration of “No Littering” signs.

b. Committee Members

Committee Member Siciliano stated this was a great meeting tonight.

Committee Member Harris reported that McDonalds will be serving breakfast after 10:00 a.m.

Vice-Chair Strehlow suggested a mini workshop (with a time limit) and serve pizza. Prepare ideas for Old Business input relative to controlled projects.

Chair Corning is glad the MREG is over after having already reviewed the document three (3) times. She noted Palm Beach County is trying to initiate an agriculture enclave overlay. Check the Palm Beach County website.

c. Concluding Administrative Remarks – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Corning adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk

Nina Corning, Chair

These minutes were approved, as amended, at the March 26, 2014 RETGAC Meeting.